

any municipal election held in said city; said registration shall in all other respects conform to Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections."

54. The Mayor of Ellicott City shall, before the 1st day of March previous to such election, appoint three proper and competent persons, resident voters of Ellicott City, judges of election, who shall hold said office for the period of four years from said appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, and said judges of election shall have full power to appoint one or more clerks, if necessary, who shall keep a record of the persons voting and the persons voted for, and said judges of election, immediately upon the closing of the polls for said election, shall proceed to count the ballots cast and ascertain the result of said election, and the person receiving the greatest number of votes cast for Mayor shall be declared elected Mayor of Ellicott City, and the six persons receiving the greatest number of votes cast for members of the City Council shall be declared elected members of the City Council of Ellicott City. And the Mayor and City Council so elected shall severally hold their respective offices for the space and term of four years from the date of their qualification and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

55. The election for Mayor and six members of the City Council shall be held at such place in said city as may be designated by said Mayor on the hand-bills as hereinbefore specified, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of April, 1911, and every fourth year thereafter, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 7 o'clock P. M., such designation by said Mayor shall be by hand-bills posted in at least five public places within the corporate limits of Ellicott City as now existing, at least two weeks before said election.

56. Said judges of election shall take and subscribe to the oaths of office within twenty days after their respective appointments as aforesaid, before any Justice of the Peace for Howard County, which justice shall receive as compensation for taking said oath the amount now allowed by law for the taking of oaths before Justices of the Peace. In case of vacancy or vacancies among the judges of election mentioned as aforesaid, by death or otherwise, after said 1st day of March, in such years as aforesaid mentioned, said vacancy or vacancies shall at any time thereafter be filled by appointment by the Mayor.

56B. The duties of the judges of election as heretofore named shall be the same as the duties of the corresponding officers of elections for members of the General Assembly of Maryland, except as provided by this Act, and the said election shall be conducted by open ballot or tickets printed for that purpose,